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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, MPOL, QA  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE BY SON OF THE AMIR AT COMMAND AND  
GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE

1. ON MARCH 11, I RECEIVED A TELEPHONE INQUIRY ABOUT COURSES AT  
THE COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE, FT. LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS,  
FROM BRIGADIER MOHAMMAD MAHMOUD AL-AFYOUNI, ASSISTANT COMMANDER  
IN CHIEF OF THE QATARI ARMED FORCES. BRIGADIER AL-AFYOUNI, A  
JORDANIAN ARMY OFFICER ON LOAN TO QATAR, ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE  
SHORT COURSES AT FT. LEAVENWORTH FOR A VERY IMPORTANT BUT UNNAMED  
QATARI. SPECIFICALLY, BRIGADIER AL-AFYOUNI WANTS TO KNOW HOW  
FREQUENTLY COURSES BEGIN AT FT. LEAVENWORTH, ON WHAT DATES THEY  
BEGIN, AND IF A SHORT COURSE OF FIVE OR SIX MONTHS DURATION IS  
STILL BEING CONDUCTED, A COURSE SUCH AS AL-AFYOUNI SEEMS TO  
RECALL FROM SOME YEARS AGO.

2. AL-AFYOUNI LEFT ME WITH THE DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT HIS  
INQUIRY WAS BEING MADE ON BEHALF OF SHEIKH ABDULLAB BIN KHALIFA  
AL THANI, THE THIRD SON OF AMIR KHALIFA, WHO HAS BEEN ACTING  
FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AS DE FACTO CHIEF OF THE QATARI ARMED FORCES.  
ABDULLAH, A PERSONABLE YOUNG MAN IN HIS EARLY TWENTIES, HAS  
COMPLETED A COURSE OF STUDY AT THE BRITISH MILITARY ACADEMY AT  
SANDHURST. MANY LOCAL OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT ABDULLAH IS BEING  
GROOMED TO BECOME THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE QATARI ARMED FORCES.

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3. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO MAKE AN EARLY INQUIRY AND INFORM  
THE EMBASSY OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR ABDULLAH AT FT. LEAVENWORTH.  
IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE VERY MUCH IN OUR LONG TERM INTERESTS FOR  
SHEIKH ABDULLAH TO HAVE COMPLETED A COURSE AT THE COMMAND AND  
GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE, AN ASSIGNMENT THAT HE OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT  
UNDERTAKE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF HIS FATHER, THE AMIR.

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